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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4522

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: DEPOSITIONS - ESCALATION CLAUSES CASES

REF : SAIGON 5102

1. AS DEPARTMENT ADVISED REFTTEL, ALL TESTIMONY TAKEN THIS DEPOSITION BY TAPE RECORDER, NOT STENOGRAPHIC NOTES. EMBASSY NOW CONFRONTED WITH PROBLEM TRANSCRIBING THOSE TAPES. HAD EXPECTED INFO FROM JUSTICE RE EXPENSES MAKING TRANSCRIPT BUT HAVE HAD NO WORD.
2. EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION (PARA 1(B) SAIGON 4128 AIDAC) THAT COURT REPORTER BE SENT FOR DEPOSITION NOT FOLLOWED. AS RESULT NOW HAVE 22 EIGHT-INCH TAPES RECORDED AT THREE AND THREE-QUARTERS INCH PER SECOND SPEED. ESTIMATE IT WILL REQUIRE MINIMUM FOUR FULL WORKING WEEKS FOR EXPERIENCED STENOGRAPHER MAKE TRANSCRIPT. EMBASSY UNABLE SPARE ANYONE FOR THIS TASK. POST FUNDS DO NOT PERMIT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT ANOTHER PERSON. ESTIMATE NEEDED FUNDS FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE AT \$640 (160 HOURS AT \$4).
3. WOULD APPEAR BE TWO CHOICES: 1) DEPARTMENT ALLOT SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION THIS AMOUNT; OR 2) TAPES BE SEALED AND FORWARDED COURT WITH CONSULAR OFFICER'S COVERING DOCUMENTS AND TRANSCRIBED BY COURT. THERE APPEARS BE SOME LEGAL TECHNICALITY CONCERNING ACCEPTABILITY SECOND CHOICE, BUT DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CHECK THIS WITH COURT.
4. RE FUNDS: SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ONLY PROVIDING SINGLE

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COPY TRANSCRIPT TO PLAINTIFF SHOULD RESULT CONSULAR FEE

COLLECTION OF SEVERAL THOUSANDS DOLLARS, THEREBY MORE THAN COVERING ANY COST CONNECTED WITH MAKING TRANSCRIPT. IN THIS REGARD MUST ALSO CALL TO DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THAT NO CONSULAR FEE SO FAR COLLECTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DEPOSITION IN ABSENCE REPLY SAIGON 5102.

5. MUST REITERATE EMBASSY HAS NO RPT NO PRESENT FACILITY FOR MAKING THIS TRANSCRIPT. URGENTLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE.
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